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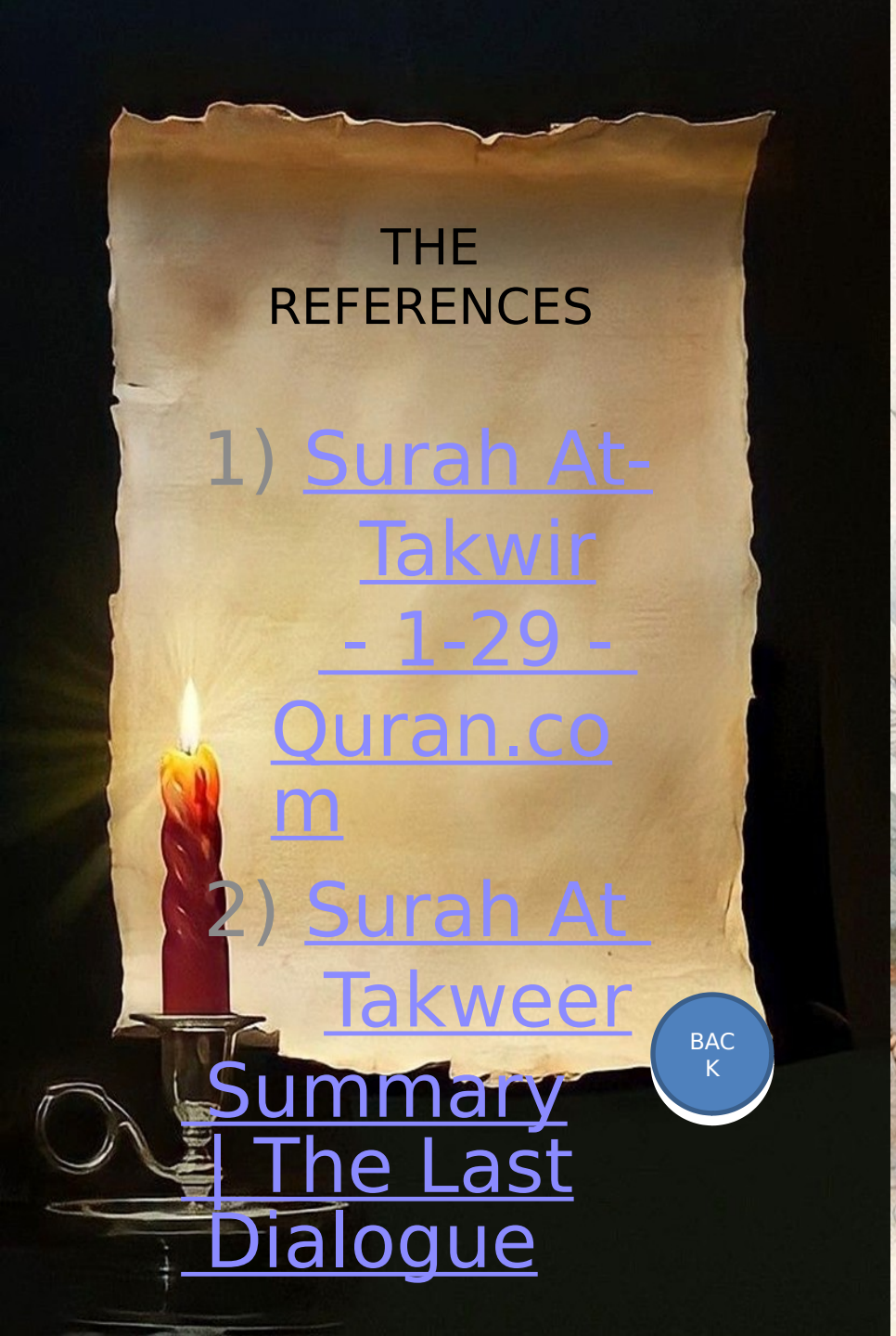

THE REFERENCES

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Summary | The Last Dialogue

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Its name

- Name taken from Verse 1 where there is a mention of the word ”kuwwirat” from which the word Takwir is derived.
- ١ إِذَا الشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ
  1 When the sun is wrapped up [in darkness]
- **ENGLISH NAME: The Enfolding.**

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Revelation Period

Meccan, Approx. 610 – 616 AD.

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Main Topics

Description Of Events That Will Happen On The Day Of Judgment, Revelation Sent To Muhammad Through Supreme Angel, Quran is not the Word of a Devil-Expelled.

Summary Of Topics

- 1-14(A Description Of Events That Will Happen On The Day Of Judgment From Destruction Of Sun, Moon Mountains And Heaven To The Fueling Of Hell Fire),

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- 15-24 (Revelation Sent To Muhammad Through Supreme Angel- A Nobel Messenger, And Muhammad Have Seen Him),
- 25-29(Quran is not the Word of a Devil-Expelled, It is not Except a Reminder to the Worlds)

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Brief Commentary

This Surah has 29 verses. It takes its name from verse 1: “إِذَا الشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ” (When the sun is wrapped up) where the word “كُوِّرَتْ” from which the word “التكوير” is derived meaning “The Enfolding” appears. This Surah was revealed in Mecca most probably during the early days of Muhammad’s proclamation of his Prophethood.

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The central theme of Surah is Hereafter and the institution of Prophethood. The Surah narrates and depicts the end of the world in a very compelling way; it gives us some of the scenes of the Last Day. All the celestial beings, forces of nature as well as the human power and authority will come to an en

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Ahmad bin Hanbal recorded from Ibn Umar that the Prophet of God said, One who likes to see the Day of Judgment as if he is seeing it with his eyes, then let him read “إِذَا الشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ” Surah Takwir, and “إِذَا السَّمَاءُ انْفَطَرَتْ” Surah Infitar and “إِذَا السَّمَاءُ انْشَقَّتْ” Surah Inshiqaq.

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THE AYAT IN DETAILS 1

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إِذَا ٱلشَّمۡسُ كُوِّرَتۡ ١

When the sun is put out,

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وَإِذَا ٱلنُّجُومُ ٱنكَدَرَتْ ﴿٢﴾

and when the stars fall down,

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إِذَا ٱلشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ ﴿١﴾ وَإِذَا ٱلنُّجُومُ ٱنكَدَرَتْ ﴿٢﴾ وَإِذَا ٱلْجِبَالُ
سُيِّرَتْ ﴿٣﴾ وَإِذَا ٱلْعِشَارُ عُطِّلَتْ ﴿٤﴾ وَإِذَا ٱلْوُحُوشُ حُشِرَتْ

and when the mountains are blown away,

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وَإِذَا ٱلْعِشَارُ عُطِّلَتْ ٤

and when pregnant camels are left untended,1

Footnote - 1

Ten-month pregnant camels were the most precious thing for nomadic Arabs. These camels were always cared for

وَإِذَا ٱلْوُحُوشُ حُشِرَتْ

and when wild beasts are gathered together,1

Footnote - 1

All animals will be brought together for judgment and then they will be reduced to dust.

وَإِذَا ٱلْبِحَارُ سُجِّرَتْ ٦

and when the seas are set on fire,1

Footnote - 1

On the Day of Judgment the oceans and seas will be on fire.

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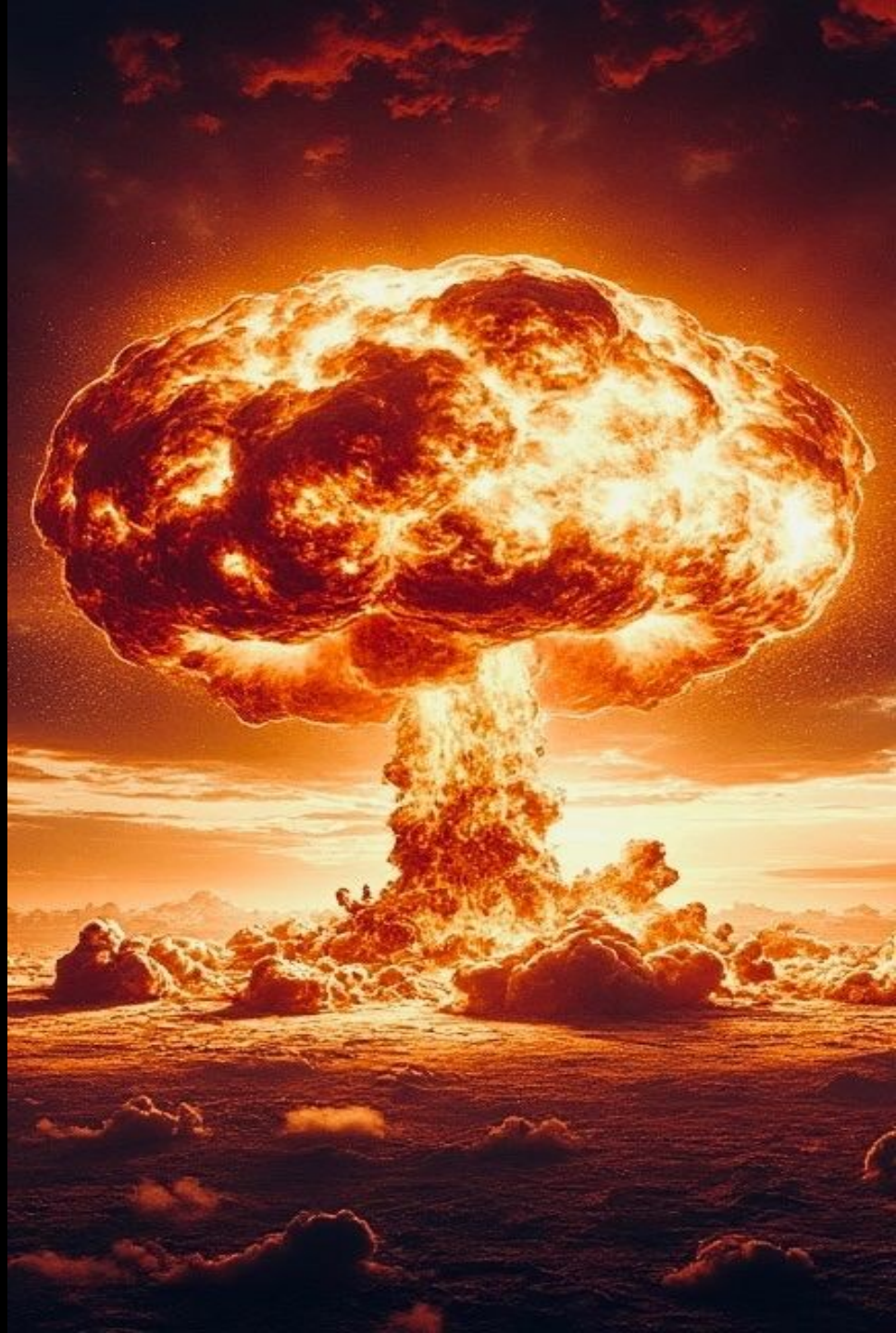

وَإِذَا ٱلنُّفُوسُ زُوِّجَتْ ٧

and when the souls [and their bodies] are paired [once more],

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وَإِذَا ٱلْبِحَارُ سُجِّرَتْ ﴿٦﴾ وَإِذَا ٱلنُّفُوسُ زُوِّجَتْ ﴿٧﴾ وَإِذَا ٱلْمَوْءُۥدَةُ سُئِلَتْ ﴿٨﴾ بِأَىِّ ذَنۢبٍ قُتِلَتْ ﴿٩﴾ وَإِذَا ٱلصُّحُفُ نُشِرَتْ ﴿١٠﴾

and when baby girls, buried alive, are asked

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بِأَيِّ ذَنۢبٍ قُتِلَتۡ ٩

for what crime they were put to death,1

Footnote - 1

Some pagan Arabs used to bury their infant daughters alive for fear of shame or poverty. This practice was condemned and abolished by Islam

وَإِذَا ٱلصُّحُفُ نُشِرَتْ

and when the records of deeds are laid open,

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وَإِذَا ٱلسَّمَآءُ كُشِطَتْ ﴿١١﴾

and when the sky is stripped away,

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وَإِذَا ٱلْجَحِيمُ سُعِّرَتْ ﴿١٢﴾

and when the Hellfire is fiercely flared up,

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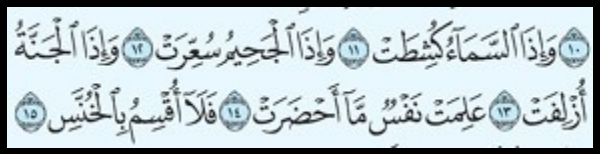

and when Paradise is brought near —

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عَلِمَتْ نَفْسٌ مَّآ أَحْضَرَتْ ١٤

on that Day each soul will know what deeds it has brought along.

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فَلَآ أُقۡسِمُ بِٱلۡخُنَّسِ ١٥

I do swear by the receding stars

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which travel and hide,1

Footnote - 1

Kanasa means to sweep or hide.

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وَٱلَّيۡلِ إِذَا عَسۡعَسَ ١٧

and the night
as it falls

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وَٱلصُّبۡحِ إِذَا تَنَفَّسَ ١٨

and the day as it breaks![1]

Footnote - 1

lit., the day as it takes its first breath.

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إِنَّهُۥ لَقَوۡلُ رَسُولٖ كَرِيمٖ ١٩

Indeed, this Quran is the Word of Allah delivered by Gabriel, a noble messenger-angel,

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ذِي قُوَّةٍ عِندَ ذِي ٱلْعَرْشِ مَكِينٍ ٢٠

full of power,
held in
honour by the
Lord of the
Throne,

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إِنَّهُۥ لَقَوۡلُ رَسُولٖ كَرِيمٖ ١٩ ذِي قُوَّةٍ عِندَ ذِي ٱلۡعَرۡشِ مَكِينٖ ٢٠ مُّطَاعٖ
ثَمَّ أَمِينٖ ٢١ وَمَا صَاحِبُكُم بِمَجۡنُونٖ ٢٢ وَلَقَدۡ رَءَاهُ بِٱلۡأُفُقِ ٱلۡمُبِينِ

obeyed there
[in heaven], and
trustworthy.

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وَمَا صَاحِبُكُم بِمَجْنُونٍ ﴿٢٢﴾

And your fellow man[1] is not insane.

Footnote - 1

i.e., Muḥammad (ﷺ).

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وَلَقَدْ رَءَاهُ بِٱلْأُفُقِ ٱلْمُبِينِ

And he did see that angel on the clear horizon,1

Footnote - 1

This is first time the Prophet (ﷺ) saw Gabriel in his angelic form. He saw him a second time in heaven during the Night

وَمَا هُوَ عَلَى ٱلْغَيْبِ بِضَنِينٍ ﴿٢٤﴾

and he does not withhold what is revealed to him of the unseen.

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وَمَا هُوَ بِقَوْلِ شَيْطَانٍ رَّجِيمٍ ﴿٢٥﴾

And this Quran is not the word of an outcast devil.

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فَأَيْنَ تَذْهَبُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

So what other path would you take?

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إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ لِّلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢٧﴾

Surely this Quran is only a reminder to the whole world—

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فَأَيْنَ تَذْهَبُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ لِّلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢٧﴾ لِمَن شَاءَ مِنكُمْ أَن
يَسْتَقِيمَ ﴿٢٨﴾ وَمَا تَشَاءُونَ إِلَّا أَن يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾

to whoever of you wills to take the Straight Way.

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وَمَا تَشَآءُونَ إِلَّآ أَن يَشَآءَ ٱللَّهُ رَبُّ ٱلْعَٰلَمِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾

But you cannot will (to do so), except by the Will of Allah, the Lord of all worlds.

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EXCERCISES

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1. Remembering (Knowledge)

1) How many verses are there in Surah At-Takwir?
2) List three cosmic events mentioned at the beginning of the surah.
3) What will happen to the sun according to the surah?
4) Who is questioned in verse 8, and about what?
5) What does the surah say about the Qur'an in the final verses?

2. Understanding (Comprehension)

1) Explain in your own words what is meant by *“when the sun is wrapped up.”*
2) Why does the surah describe the overturning of natural and cosmic order?
3) What is the significance of the buried girl being questioned?
4) Summarize the message of verses 15–18.
5) How does the surah defend the truthfulness of the Qur’an and the Prophet ﷺ?

3. Applying

1) How can the scenes of the Day of Judgment in this surah influence a believer's daily behavior?
2) In what ways can the warning against injustice in this surah be applied to modern society?
3) How can the affirmation of accountability in the surah guide personal decision-making?
4) Apply the lesson of divine justice in the surah to a real-life ethical situation.

4. Analyzing

1) Analyze the progression of images from verses 1–14. Why are they arranged in this order?
2) Compare the tone of the first half of the surah with the second half.
3) How does the surah link cosmic destruction with moral accountability?
4) Analyze how the surah refutes the claim that the Qur’an is the word of a madman or devil.
5) What contrasts are drawn between truth and falsehood in the surah?

5. Evaluating

1) Why is the questioning of the buried girl a powerful symbol of justice? Do you find it effective? Why?
2) Evaluate the impact of vivid imagery as a method of warning in the surah.
3) How convincing is the surah's argument for the divine origin of the Qur'an?
4) Which verse do you think carries the strongest moral warning? Justify your answer.

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6. Creating (Synthesis)

1) Write a short reflection on how Surah At-Takwir reshapes one's understanding of the Day of Judgment.
2) Create a modern scenario that reflects the moral accountability emphasized in the surah.
3) Compose a brief speech using the themes of Surah At-Takwir to remind people of justice and responsibility.
4) Design three discussion questions inspired by this surah for a youth study circle.

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